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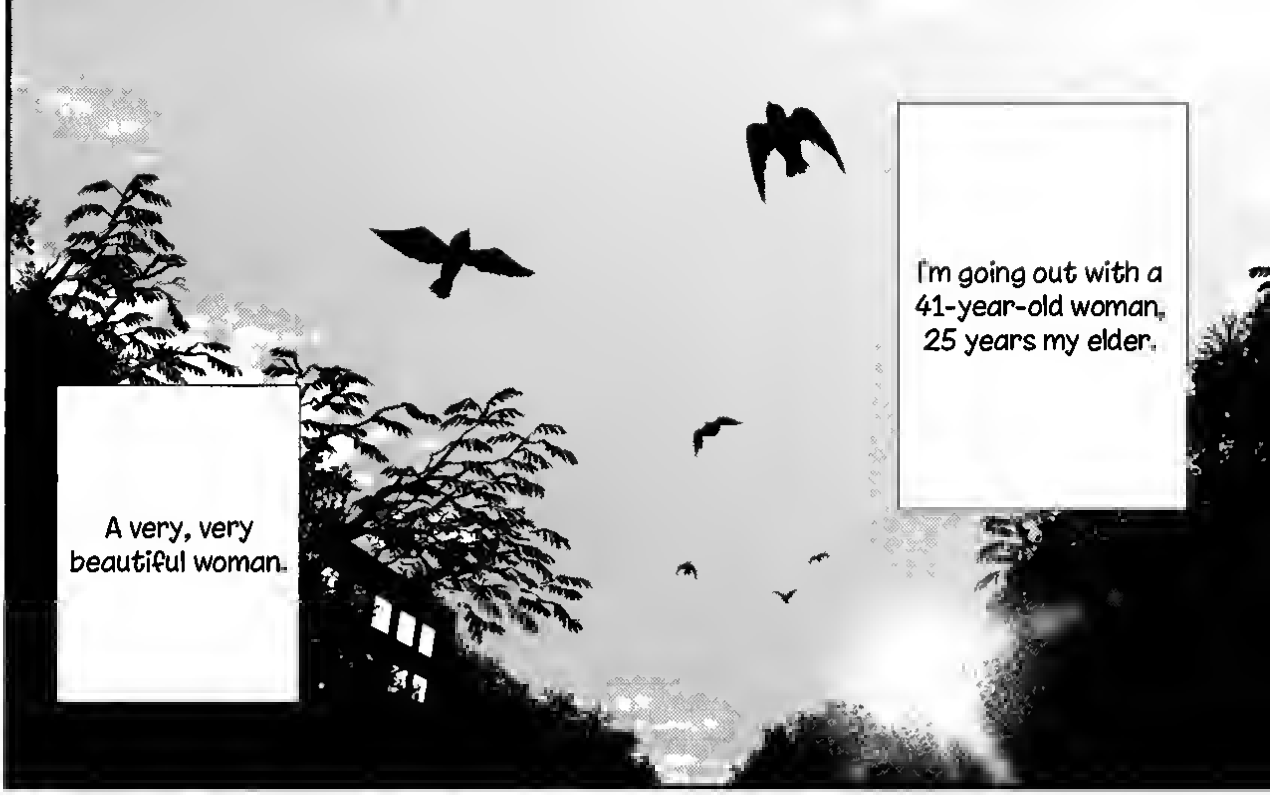
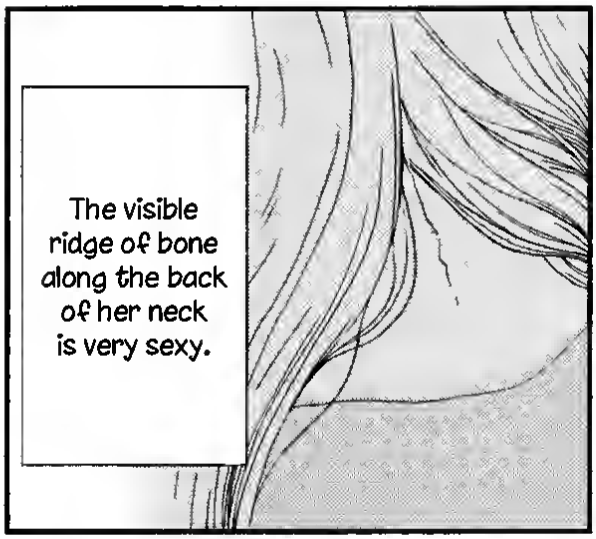
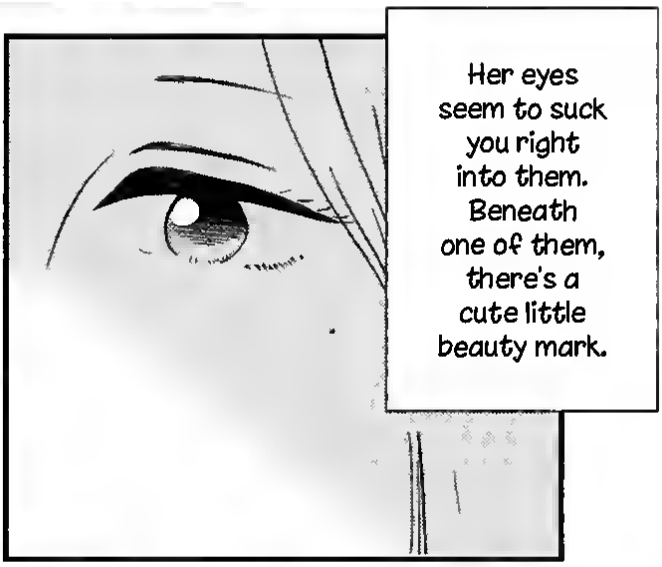
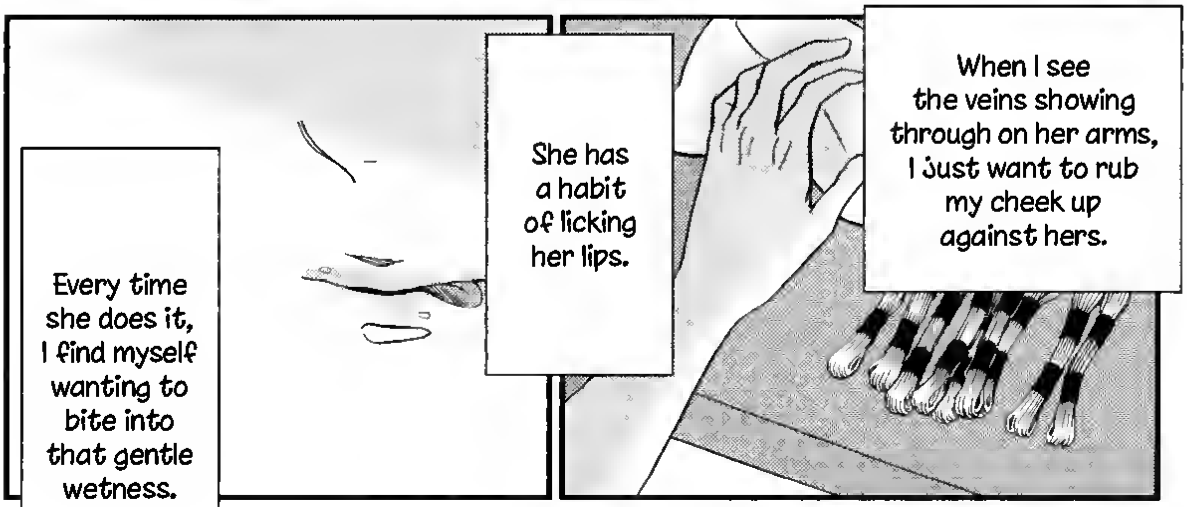
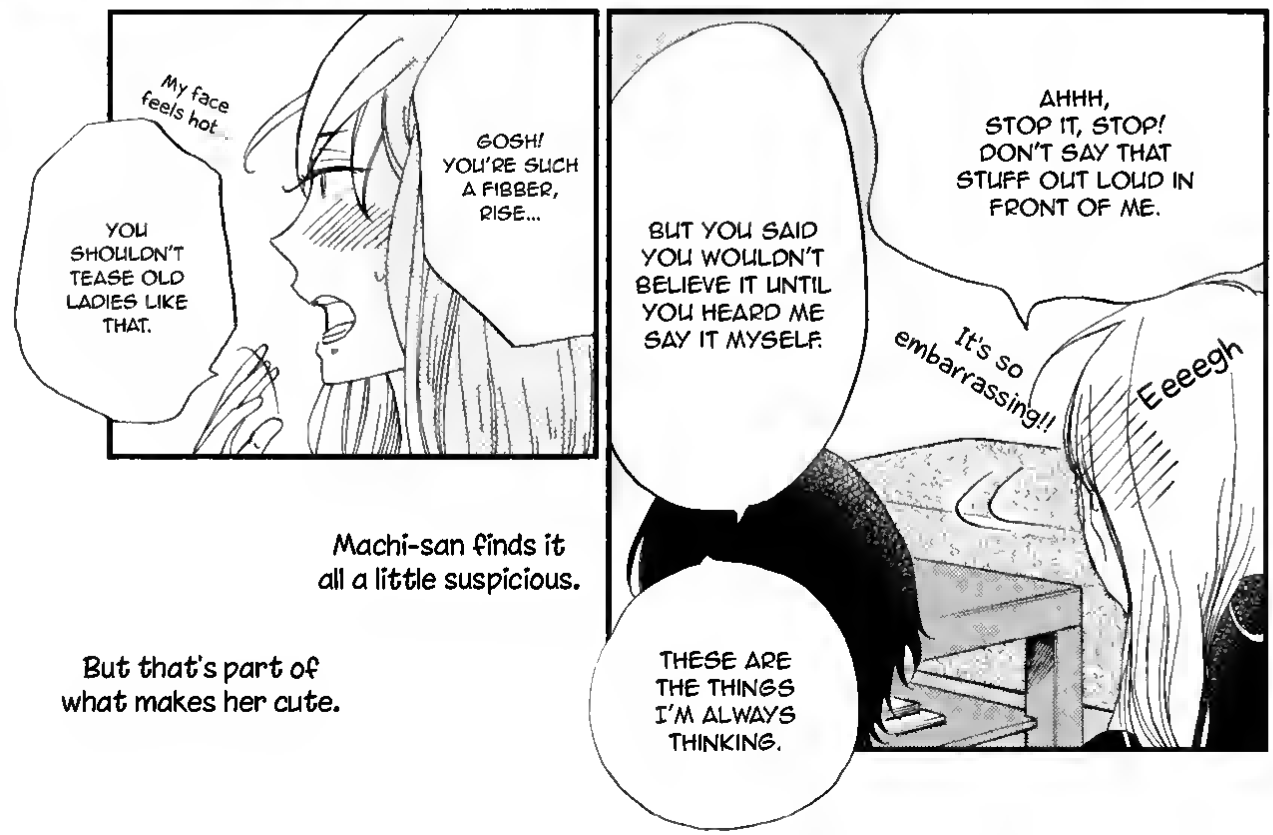

I'm going out with a 41-year-old woman, 25 years my elder.
A very, very beautiful woman.


The visible ridge of bone along the back of her neck is very sexy.


Her eyes seem to suck you right into them. Beneath one of them, there's a cute little beauty mark.

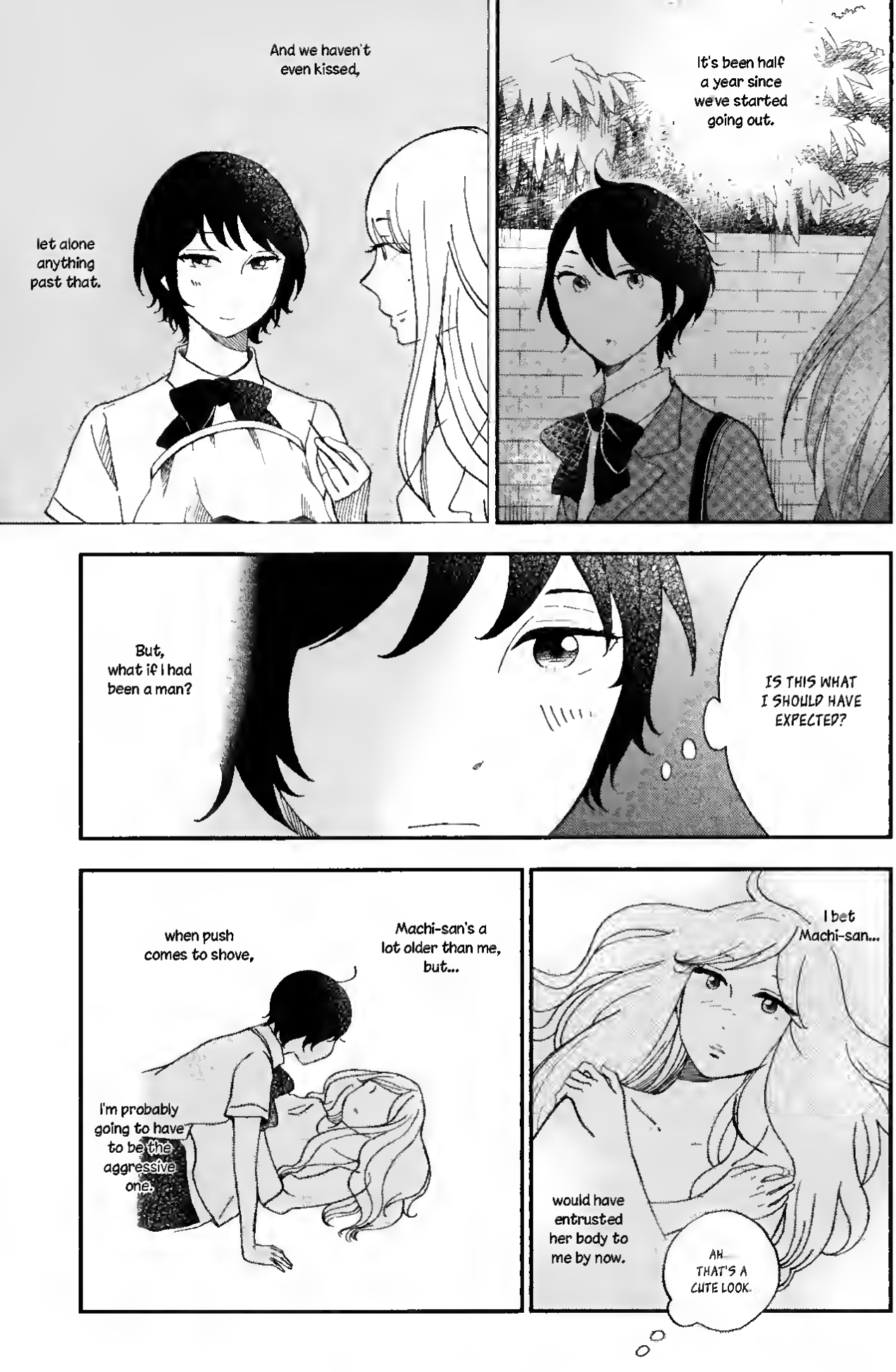

Every time she does it, I find myself wanting to bite into that gentle wetness.
She has a habit of licking her lips.
When I see the veins showing through on her arms, I just want to rub my cheek up against hers.


THESE ARE THE THINGS I'M ALWAYS THINKING.
BUT YOU SAID YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT UNTIL YOU HEARD ME SAY IT MYSELF.
AHHH, STOP IT, STOP! DON'T SAY THAT STUFF OUT LOUD IN FRONT OF ME.
It's so embarrassing!!
Eeeegh
GOSH! YOU'RE SUCH A FIBBER, RISE...
My face feels hot.
YOU SHOULDN'T TEASE OLD LADIES LIKE THAT.

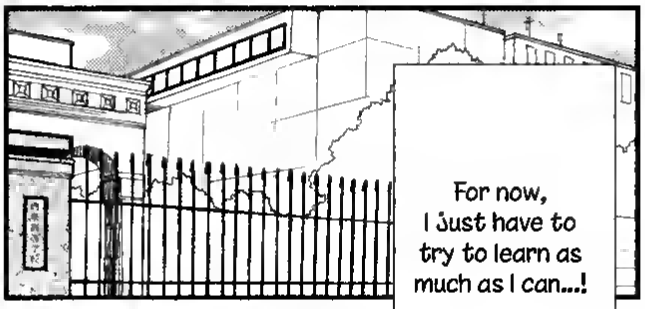
Machi-san finds it all a little suspicious.

But that's part of what makes her cute.

ka-chik
OKAY...
RISE.
I DON'T WANT TO GO HOME.
I WANT TO LIVE WITH YOU, MACHI-SAN.
NOW, NOW, HURRY UP!
COME ON, YOU'D BETTER GET HOME
COME AGAIN TOMORROW, RIGHT?
YOU'LL...
Um...
!
OF COURSE!
But,
even so...
Ahh,
what happi-ness.


And we haven't even kissed,
let alone anything past that.
It's been half a year since we've started going out.
But, what if I had been a man?
IS THIS WHAT I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED?
when push comes to shove,
Machi-san's a lot older than me, but...
I'm probably going to have to be the aggressive one.
I bet Machi-san...
would have entrusted her body to me by now.
AH... THAT'S A CUTE LOOK.

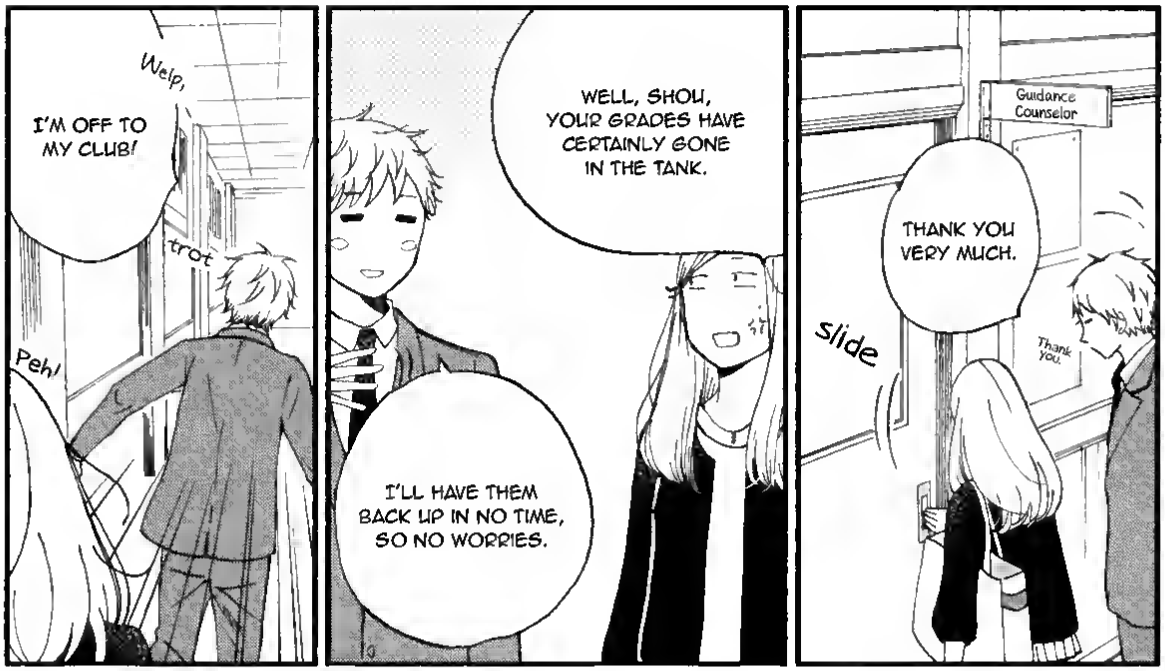
WEUGH...
MY NOSE STARTED BLEEDING FROM PICTURING IT...
TISSUE, TISSUE!


For now, I just have to try to learn as much as I can...!

AH!
ANDOU-SAN, MAY I HAVE A MOMENT?
SENPAI?

OH NO... WHAT DO I DO?
I have no experience at all... I can't handle something like that!

I'm very popular at my school.
For some reason,
.....
UM, YOU SEE...
I'VE BEEN IN LOVE WITH YOU FOR A WHILE, SO...
WOULD YOU PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME?
SENPAI, I'M ALREADY GOING OUT WITH SOMEONE ELSE.
Another woman actually, but...
I'M SORRY.
AH...
I GUESS YOU WOULD BE!
My
Yeah
YOU DID SORT OF...
give off that impression
I KNOW IT'S AN IMPUDENT THING TO ASK, BUT... I HAD SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU ABOUT...
EH?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, THEN!
SENPAI!
UM...


Welp,
I'M OFF TO MY CLUB!
trot
Peh!
WELL, SHOU, YOUR GRADES HAVE CERTAINLY GONE IN THE TANK.
I'LL HAVE THEM BACK UP IN NO TIME, SO NO WORRIES.
Guidance Counselor
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
Thank you.
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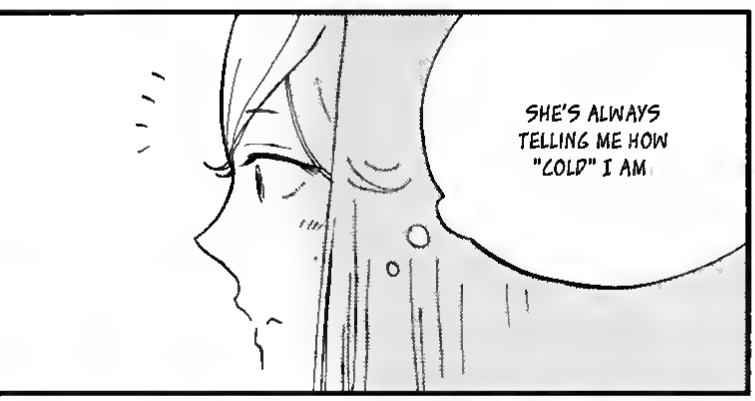
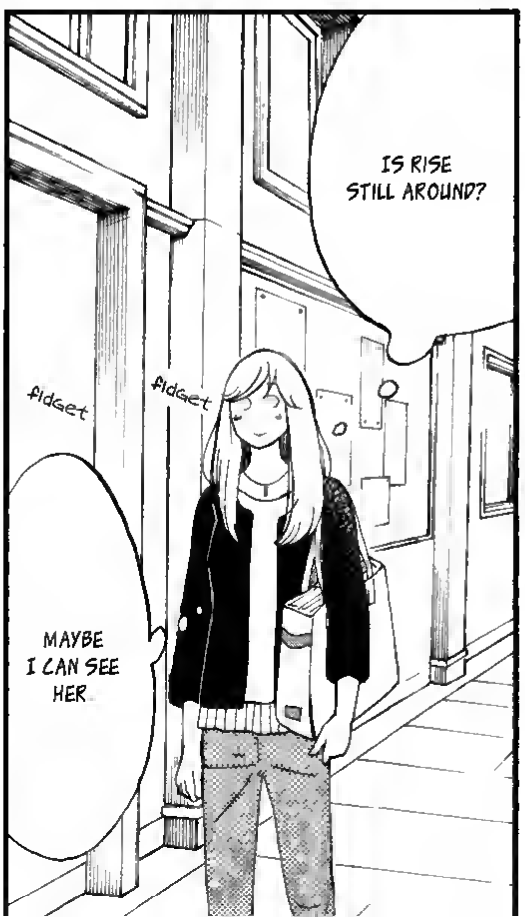
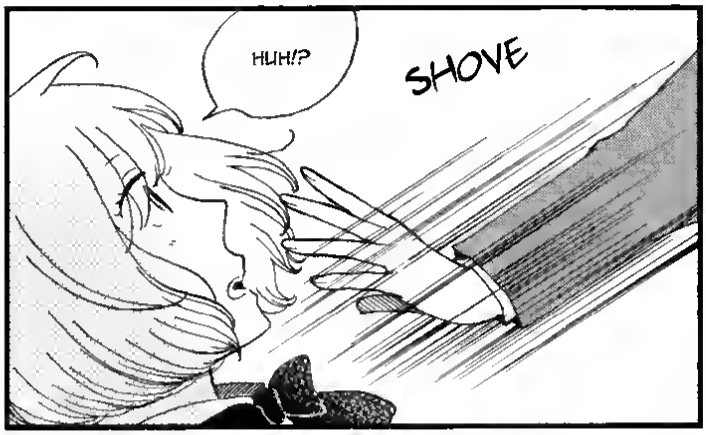

SHE'S ALWAYS TELLING ME HOW "COLD" I AM

IT'S RISE!
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL...
I recognize that back


IS RISE STILL AROUND?
fidget
fidget
MAYBE I CAN SEE HER

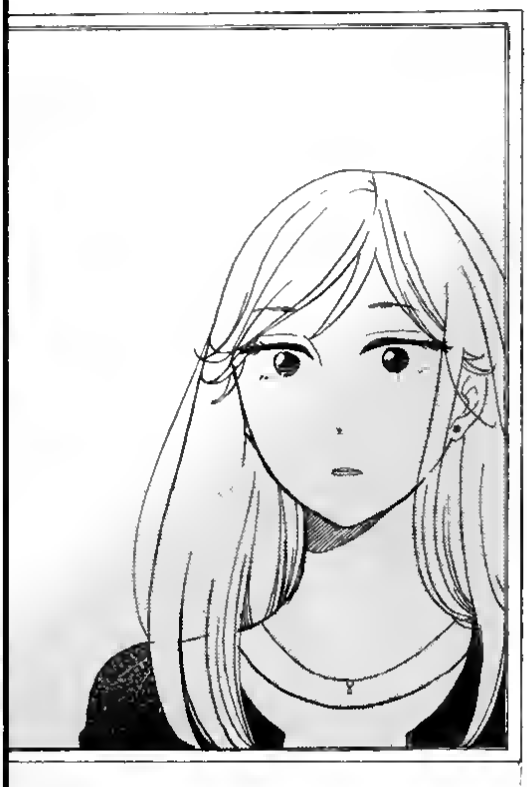
I FOUND HER!
RI..

clack
clack

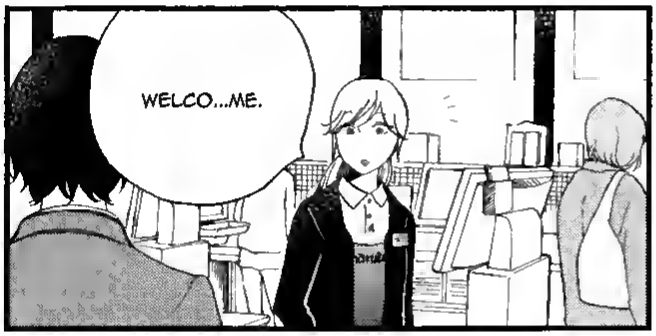

HUH!?
SHOVE

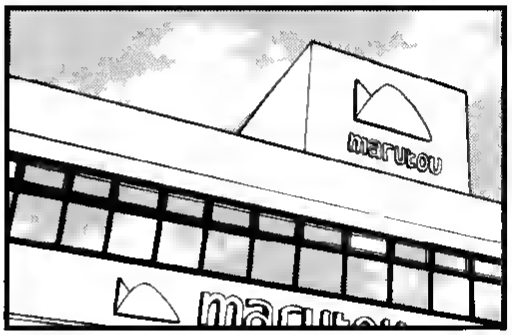
SENPAI...

Huh? Whoa...
Wait, that wasn't...
your first one,
was it?
Oh man



I'M SO SORRY... BUT YOU SAID TO "SHOW YOU HOW TO DO IT"...
I DIDN'T MEAN TO TAKE YOUR FIRST KISS.


WELCO...ME.

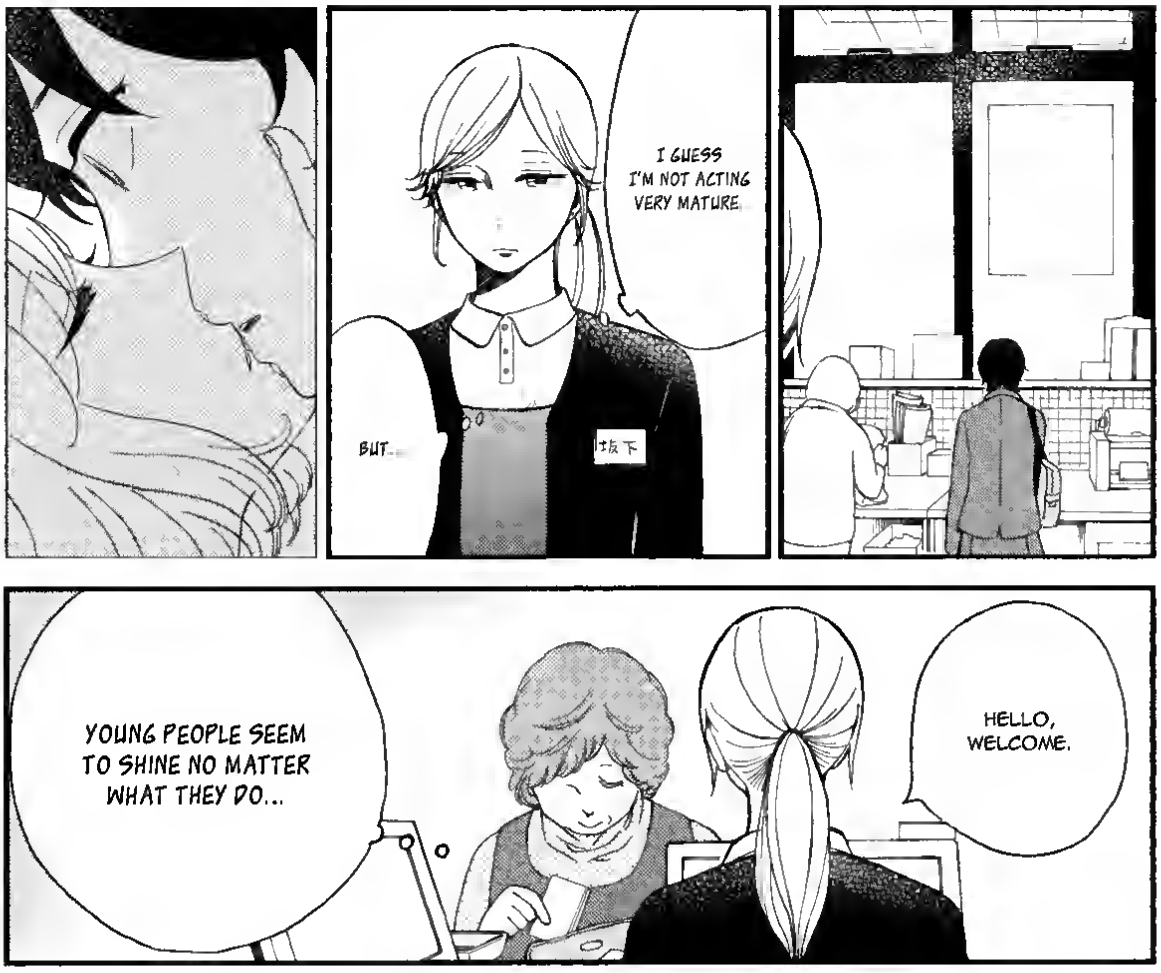

marutou

I TOLD YOU NOT TO COME HERE WHEN I'M WORKING.
Beep
WHY HAVEN'T YOU ANSWERED ANY OF MY CALLS THIS PAST WEEK?

MACHI-SAN
RISE...

ARE YOU ANGRY ABOUT SOMETHING?
I'M WORKING RIGHT NOW.
Out of 200 yen
.....
ching

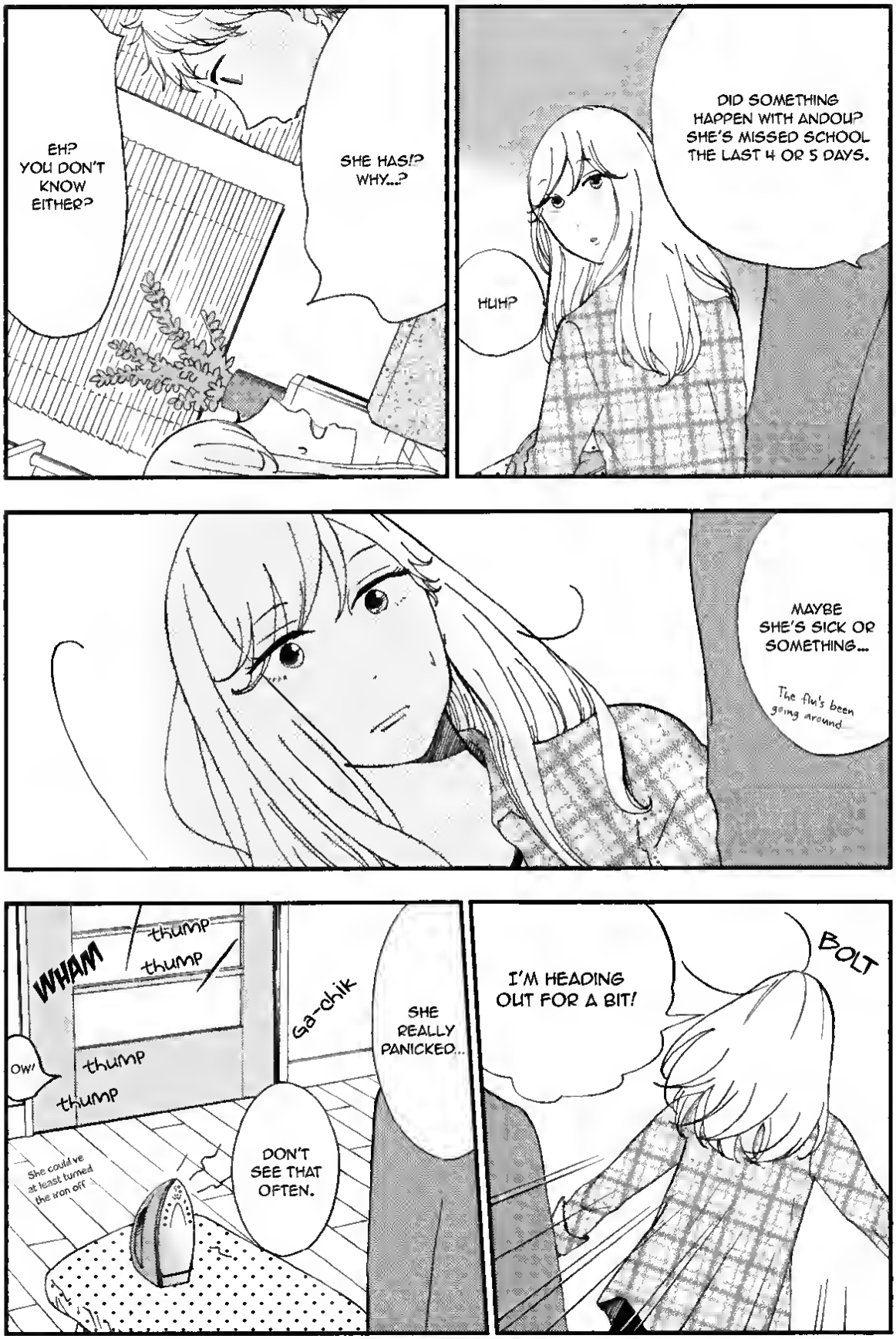
YOUR CHANGE IS 72 YEN. THANK YOU FOR SHOPPING WITH US.
NO, I'M NOT ANGRY.

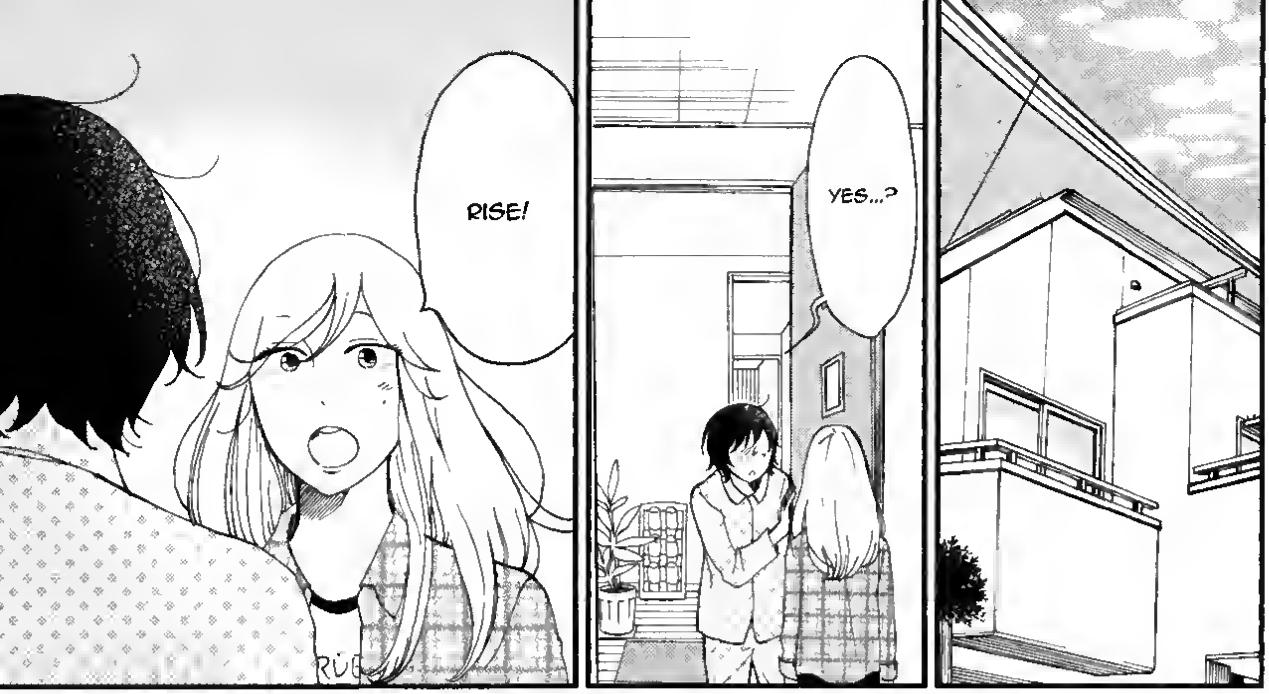


At the age I'm at,
my heart can't take
any more...

of betraying,

or getting betrayed.


EH? YOU DON'T KNOW EITHER?
SHE HAS!? WHY...?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN WITH ANDOU? SHE'S MISSED SCHOOL THE LAST 4 OR 5 DAYS.
HUH?
MAYBE SHE'S SICK OR SOMETHING...
The flu's been going around...
WHAM
thump
thump
thump
thump
Ow!
Ga-chik
SHE REALLY PANICKED...
DON'T SEE THAT OFTEN.
She could've at least turned the iron off
I'M HEADING OUT FOR A BIT!
BOLT

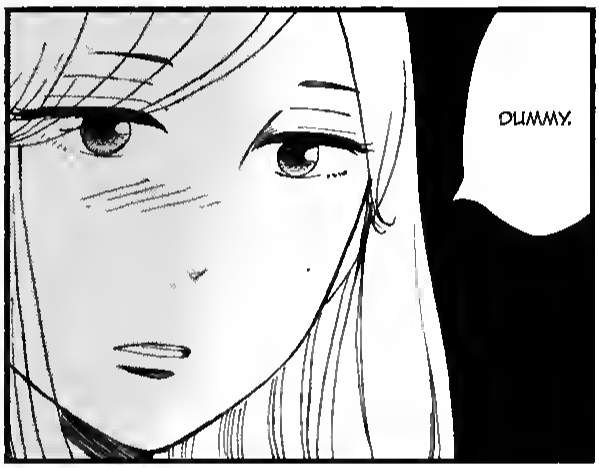

RISE!
YES...?

IT'S MACHI-SAN...
OH!

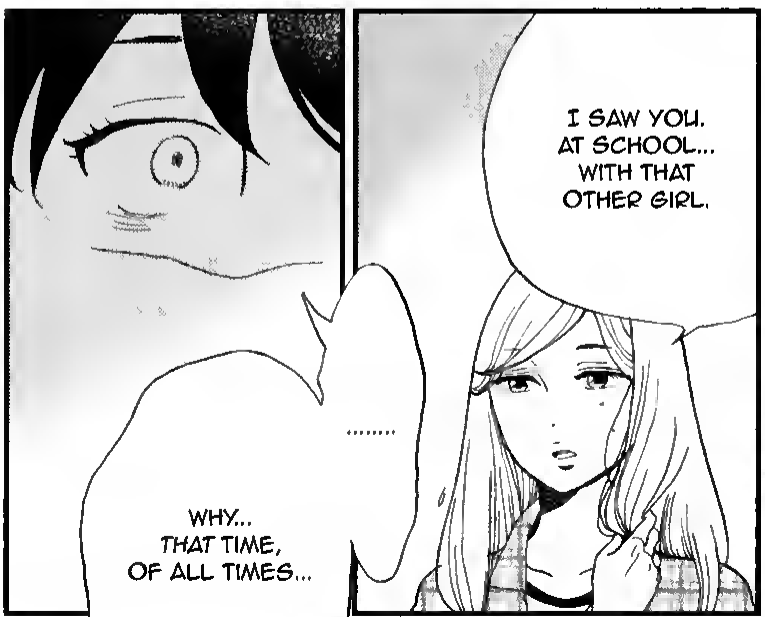
COME ON, YOU NEED TO GO TO SLEEP.
Eh?
I WAS ASLEEP.
You woke me up, Machi-san

stagger
WHOA! YOU'RE BURNING UP!
Ah!
OOPS, SORRY.
WHERE ARE YOUR PARENTS?
THEY'RE WORKING RIGHT NOW.

IS IT THE FLU?
THEY SAY IT'S JUST A COLD.
rummage
I BOUGHT A BUNCH OF DIFFERENT STUFF, YOU WANT SOME?
Like Pocari water
YES, PLEASE.
Um... please take a seat right there


DUMMY.

I'M GLAD I GOT SICK, THOUGH...
SINCE IT BROUGHT YOU HERE.


I SAW YOU. AT SCHOOL... WITH THAT OTHER GIRL.
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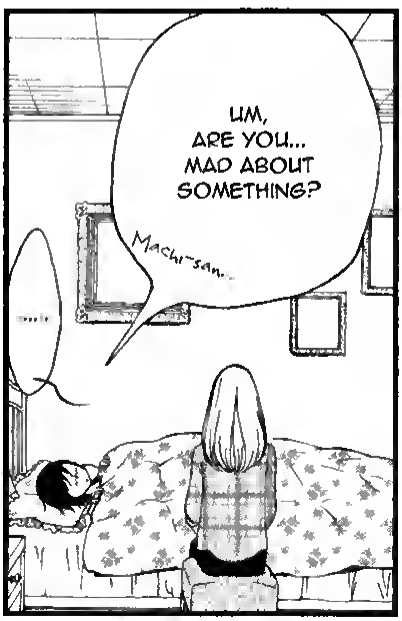
WHY... THAT TIME, OF ALL TIMES...

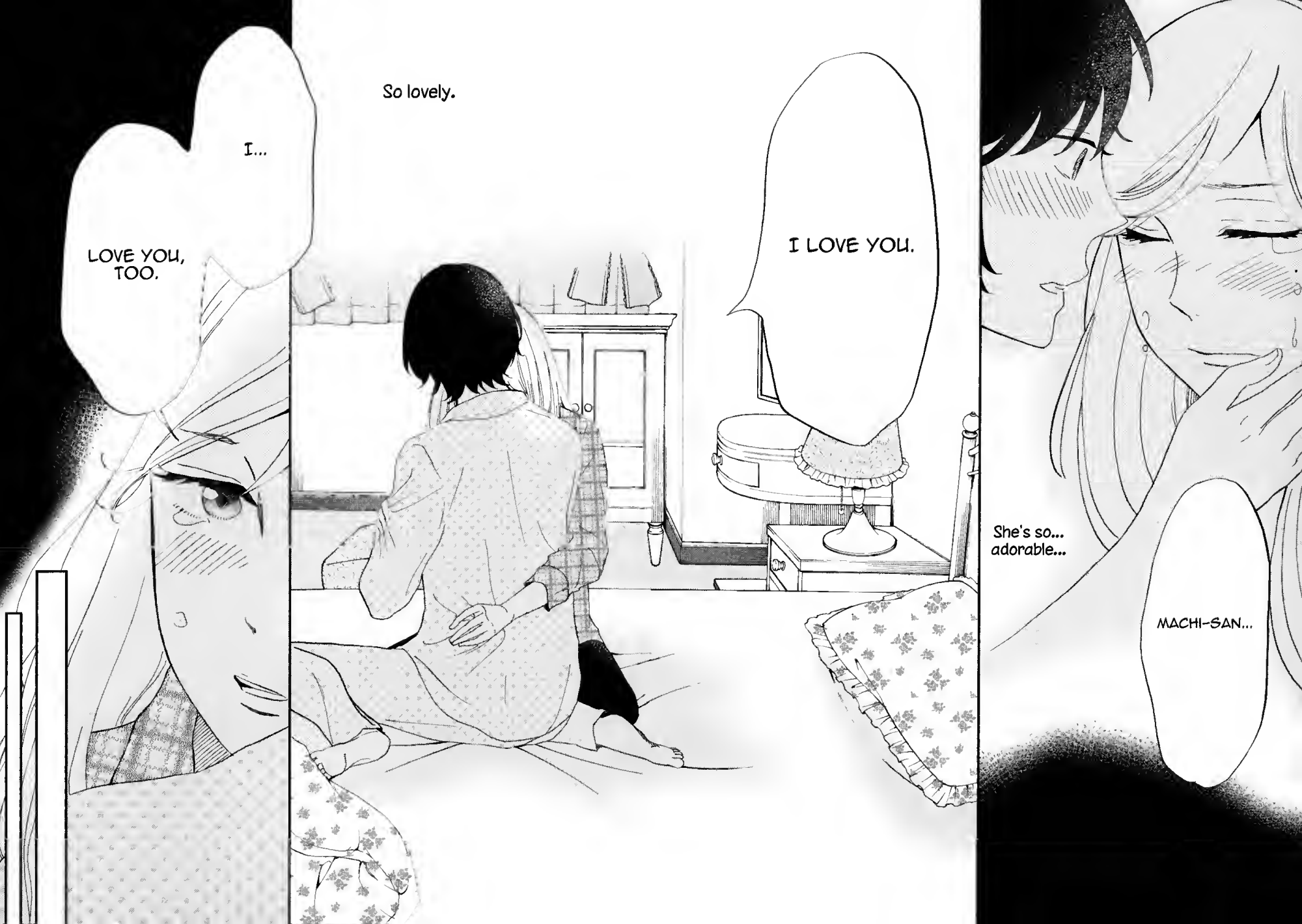

UM, ARE YOU... MAD ABOUT SOMETHING?
Machi-san...
.....

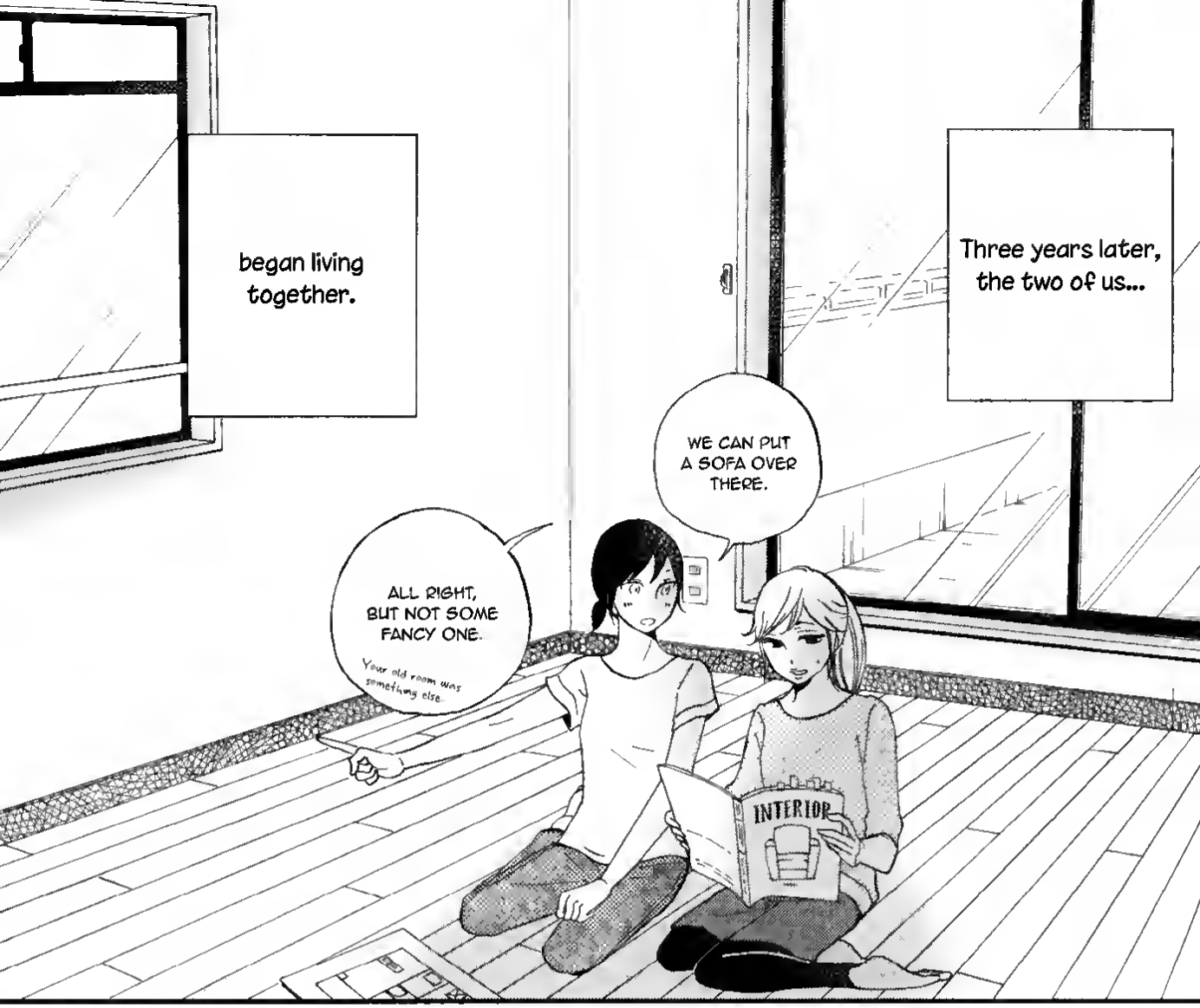
I HAVE NO EXPERIENCE AT ALL...
SINCE I'VE STARTED DATING YOU, MACHI-SAN, I COULDN'T... FEEL ANY CONFIDENCE IN MYSELF...
LISTEN TO ME, PLEASE!
THAT'S NOT IT!
NO!!
BUT I GET IT. I GUESS THERE'S NO WAY AROUND IT.
was nothing at all, it was totally meaningless...
What you saw...
AH...
She's angry. What a beautiful face...

AH! WAIT! YOU'LL CATCH MY COLD...
SFX: SNATCH
It's the prettiest face...
I've ever seen her make.

Machi-san has such skinny arms.
How can she be so strong...
PIIIN
This feels so good.

STUPID!
IF YOU DON'T KNOW SOMETHING, I'LL TEACH YOU!
HOW LONG DO YOU THINK I'VE BEEN AROUND IN THIS WORLD?
DON'T GO ASK SOME OTHER GIRL...!


I...
LOVE YOU, TOO.
So lovely.
I LOVE YOU.
She's so... adorable...
MACHI-SAN...


began living together.
Three years later, the two of us...
WE CAN PUT A SOFA OVER THERE.
ALL RIGHT, BUT NOT SOME FANCY ONE.
Your old room was something else.
INTERIOR

I know I want this to keep going as long as it can.

I don't know what the future may bring for us, but...

Like forever.

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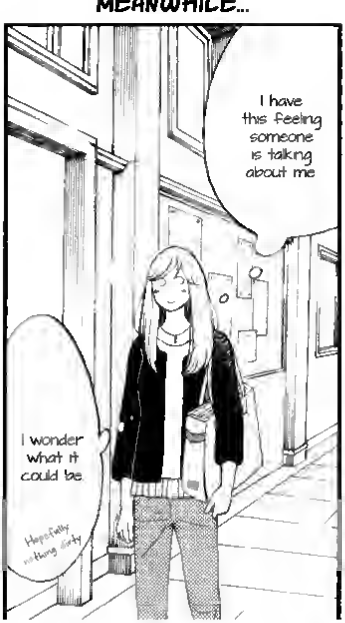

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